



PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 4098.2.1A

**DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
FOR INDEPENDENT INVENTORS**

We, Michael Hamilton of 1128 20<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265; Walter E. Boland of 12065 Meridian Road, Elbert, Colorado 80106; and Glenn Ricart, of 16 East Churchill Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103; do each hereby declare with respect to himself:

I am an individual residing at the address stated above; I and the other two individuals named above are the only inventors of a MESSAGE ROUTING invention that is described in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/521,152 filed on March 8, 2000, which is identified as File No. 4098.2.1A of the law firm of my attorney John W.L. Ogilvie, namely, Computer Law++, 8 East Broadway, Suite 725, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111; Michael Hamilton is assignee of all right, title, and interest in the invention, subject only to a royalty obligation set forth in a separate Royalty Agreement, by an Assignment which is being filed for recordation with the patent application; I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §§ 41(a) and (b), with regard to said invention. I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any other person.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application and any patent issued in respect thereof and any patent application claiming priority to this application, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of (1) the subsequent application filing fee, (2) the issue fee, or (3) any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Hamilton

Date: 21 JUNE 2000

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Glenn Ricart

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